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Page 15, replace the first full paragraph with the following:

The forced regeneration start determining means 26 determines whether a forced regeneration of the filter 8 is to be started or not. In the forced regeneration start determining means 26 there is provided a PM deposition quantity estimating means 27 for estimating (or calculating) a PM deposition quantity in accordance with information provided from the pressure sensor-49_12 and the differential pressure sensor 14. When the PM deposition quantity estimated by the PM deposition quantity estimating means 27 has reached a predetermined value or a larger value, the forced regeneration start determining means 26 determines that the filter 8 is clogged without being regenerated continuously, and determines that a forced regeneration of the filter 8 is to be started.

Page 40, replace the Abstract with the following:

The present invention comprises An exhaust gas purification system includes an oxygen mass flow rate detecting means unit for detecting or calculating a mass flow rate of oxygen fed to a filter and a regeneration end determining means unit for determining a regeneration end of the filter in accordance with information provided from the oxygen mass flow rate detecting means unit and upon arrival of an integrated value of the oxygen mass flow rate at a predetermined value during regeneration of the filter.